

"WHO DO YOU TRUST?"

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the entire world has been shocked, appalled, and reviled by the latest wave of terrorist attacks by Hamas in Israel. More than 50 innocent men, women, and children have been killed by suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

So I was similarly shocked and reviled to hear a comment made on the House floor last week in the course of debate on the so-called antiterrorist bill. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, said this: "Early in the day standing back there, I heard a dear friend of mine, a great Republican say, 'I trust Hamas more than I trust my own Government.'"

He went on to say those words hurt. Those words do hurt indeed. But who, Madam Speaker, who, Mr. HYDE, who on the Republican side really believed they could trust Hamas more than our own Government? Who among my colleagues truly believes they can trust a terrorist organization that sends suicide bombers to rob innocent children more than the U.S. Government?

Madam Speaker, the American people have a right to know who among their elected Representatives trusts Hamas more than the United States. Until that person steps forward, or is identified, a cloud hangs over each and every Republican Member of this House.

COLORECTAL CANCER

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. TOWNS].

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the health issue that is very important to a vulnerable population; namely, Medicare beneficiaries. This year, colorectal cancer will claim an estimated 54,000 lives. This is the second leading cancer killer in the United States; 134,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed this year, most of them in the elderly population. And we are talking about cutting Medicare.

Madam Speaker, we know that early detection will save lives and save money. The technology exists to eradicate more than 90 percent of colorectal cancer in this country. Let us work toward a Medicare package or preventative benefits, one which will include colorectal cancer screening. It makes good health sense, and it makes good economic sense.

I urge my colleagues to move forward in addressing this disease in the Medicare population, the group most vulnerable to colorectal cancer.

VOTE AGAINST REPEAL OF ASSAULT WEAPON BAN

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the Bible says, by your deeds ye shall know them. Now last week by amendment, the Republicans gutted the terrorism bill. Many people asked why did they take out the guts of that bill? By their own words, from the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], we know the answer: Because Members on the Republican side trust Hamas more than they trust their own Government.

They were afraid that, if we put the power in the hands of the Government to deal with terrorism, we might turn our eyes away from the Middle East and come to look at some of the organizations in this country. People on this floor have forgotten Oklahoma City. People have forgotten what has happened.

Madam Speaker, we cannot allow our Government to be powerless in the face of terrorist organizations wherever they come from. Now, tomorrow we are going to add insult to injury. The police officers of this country want the assault weapon ban kept in place. But the Republicans, led by the Speaker, are going to bring out a repeal of that ban to this floor to put those guns on the street again.

I urge my colleagues to vote against that bill.

WE CAN FIGHT TERRORISM WITHOUT VIOLATING OUR CONSTITUTION

(Mr. McINNIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McINNIS. Madam Speaker, I yield to my good friend, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON].

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

The so-called antiterrorism bill infringing upon the liberties, the constitutional rights of the people of this country. While we are concerned about law and order and fighting terrorism, we do not want to violate the Constitution and hurt the liberties that our forefathers gave to us.

My colleagues on the other side are saying because we did not vote for the terrorism bill the way they wanted it, that we are sanctioning the terrorist activities that took place in Israel where 50 or 60 people were killed by terrorist activities by the Hamas organization. That is a ludicrous argument. We hate that just as much as anybody. We deplore those actions. We want to see those people brought to justice, and our Government is doing everything possible to stop that terrorism, not only there but in the United States.

But in the process, we must not violate the constitutional rights and liberties of American citizens.

A REPUBLICAN MEMBER TRUSTS HAMAS

(Ms. DeLAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, the fact of the matter is that the antiterrorism bill passed last week in this body allows Hamas to raise funds in the United States of America, to raise their funds to go out and to kill innocent men and women and children. We had one Member, a colleague from the Republican side of the aisle, say that it was he or she who trusted Hamas more than they trust their own government.

Let me tell my colleagues, how can any Member trust a despicable organization, a bloodthirsty and terrorist organization? The pain and the misery that Hamas has caused may be abstract for some of my colleagues, but it is not for me, and it is not for my constituents. Last year my constituent Joan Davenney of Woodbridge, CT, was in Israel. She was a teacher at the Ezra Academy on a fellowship in Israel studying ways to improve curriculum at her school, a decent, wonderful young woman. Let me say that she was on one of those buses. She was killed by the terrorist organization Hamas. A sad day indeed when Republicans can defend Hamas on this floor.

THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT ASK SECRETARY O'LEARY TO RESIGN

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, Vice President GORE, in his national performance review, indicated that Clinton's Secretary of Energy, Secretary O'Leary, and the Department of Energy, was 40 percent inefficient in their environmental management and it is going to cost the taxpayers \$70 billion over the next 30 years.

Madam Speaker, what does that mean to taxpayers or what is that like? What is the equivalent of being 40 percent inefficient? That is like filling your car with gasoline, putting 10 gallons of it in, or running 10 gallons out of the pump and 4 of it goes on the ground and 6 of it goes in your tank. That is like sitting down at a restaurant, for every five bites you attempt to take, two of them end up in your lap. That is like sending your child to school and expecting your child to sleep for more than 2½ hours every day.

Forty percent inefficient, I think that is too much for the taxpayers. Seventy billion dollars, too much of a burden for the taxpayers. Yet it is condoned by Mr. Clinton. He will not call for reforms. He will not abolish the waste. He will not ask Secretary O'Leary to resign.